

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action mailed August 31, 2005, Examiner Foreman refused to enter the Amendment filed on August 22, 2005, thereby maintaining the final rejection of claims 1-4 and 6, but only objecting to claim 5 (5/4/3/2/1) which the Examiner indicated, in the "final" Office Action mailed March 23, 2005, "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form...".

Applicant has so rewritten claim 5 (5/4/3/2/1), and canceled the rejected claims 1-4 and 6, whereby Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner now to find the application to be in condition for **allowance with claim 5**.

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant files concurrently herewith a Petition (with fee) for an Extension of Time of One Month (the third month), thereby extending the time for response to September 23, 2005.

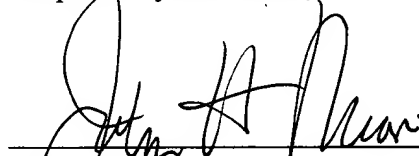
Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Furthermore, in order to maintain pendency of the application to provide sufficient time for Examiner Foreman to consider this present Amendment, Applicant also files concurrently herewith a Notice of Appeal (with fee).

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/890,377

N.B. Applicant refers Examiner Foreman to the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 of the Amendment filed on August 22, 2005, because the Examiner still has **not** provided Applicant with an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B indicating that the references cited in the International Search (ISR) have been considered. The initialed form is required to have the cited references listed on the face of the U.S. patent granted on the present application.

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